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All members of the East German Office for Customs and Commerce Control (Amt fuer Zoll und Kontrolle des Warenverkehrs) are to be put into uniform in early September 1953. Uniforms are to be of gray-blue material similar to the former Luftwaffe uniform. Personnel are to be armed with pistols, carbines and machine-pistols. Employees are to sign for a two-year tour. In a confidential discussion held on 31 July 1953, it was stated that these employees are to augment the regular police in the event of further unrest.

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